

# Provide an Efficient, Well-Connected Transportation Experience

## TANGIBLE RESULT #5

### Provide an Efficient, Well-Connected Transportation Experience



MDOT will provide an easy, reliable transportation experience throughout the system. This includes good connections and world class transportation facilities and services.

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**PURPOSE OF MEASURE:**  
To assess average wait time at facilities.

**FREQUENCY:**  
Quarterly

**DATA COLLECTION METHODOLOGY:**  
Verification of average wait times at facilities for services based on MDTA reporting the percentage of tolls collected via cash payment at toll facilities.

**NATIONAL BENCHMARK:**  
N/A

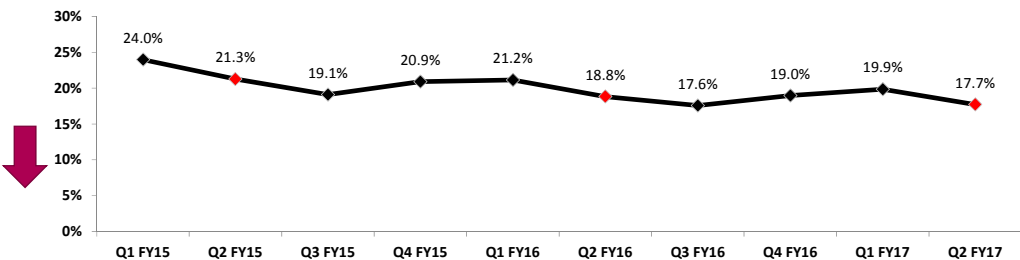
### PERFORMANCE MEASURE 5.1A Reliability of the Transportation Experience: Percentage of Tolls Collected by Cash

Cash tolls cause more congestion at toll facilities because wait times at these tolls are longer. Customers expect limited congestion and minimal wait times, particularly at paid toll facilities. A decrease in this measure indicates more free flow traffic using electronic means of payment.

Currently MDOT is trending positively, as the measure has been decreasing over the past year. As of FY 2017-Q2 MDOT was at 17.72% of tolls collected by cash. This is a decrease of 2.14% from FY2016-Q2.

MDOT continues to market electronic toll collection and lanes and signage are being reconfigured in the current tri-message sign project.

Chart 5.1A.1 - Percent of Tolls Collected by Cash for All Mixed Facilities by Quarter FY2015-FY2017



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**PURPOSE OF MEASURE:**  
To assess average turn time at facilities to ensure an efficient transportation experience for the customers.

**FREQUENCY:**  
Annually (in January)

**DATA COLLECTION METHODOLOGY:**  
Verification of average turn times at port facilities for services.

**NATIONAL BENCHMARK:**  
There is not a national benchmark. However, in researching Trade and Industry Publications and Trucking Associations, 45 minutes can be established as an efficient turn time.

**PERFORMANCE MEASURE 5.1B**  
Reliability of the Transportation Experience:  
Average Truck Turn Around Time per  
Container Transaction

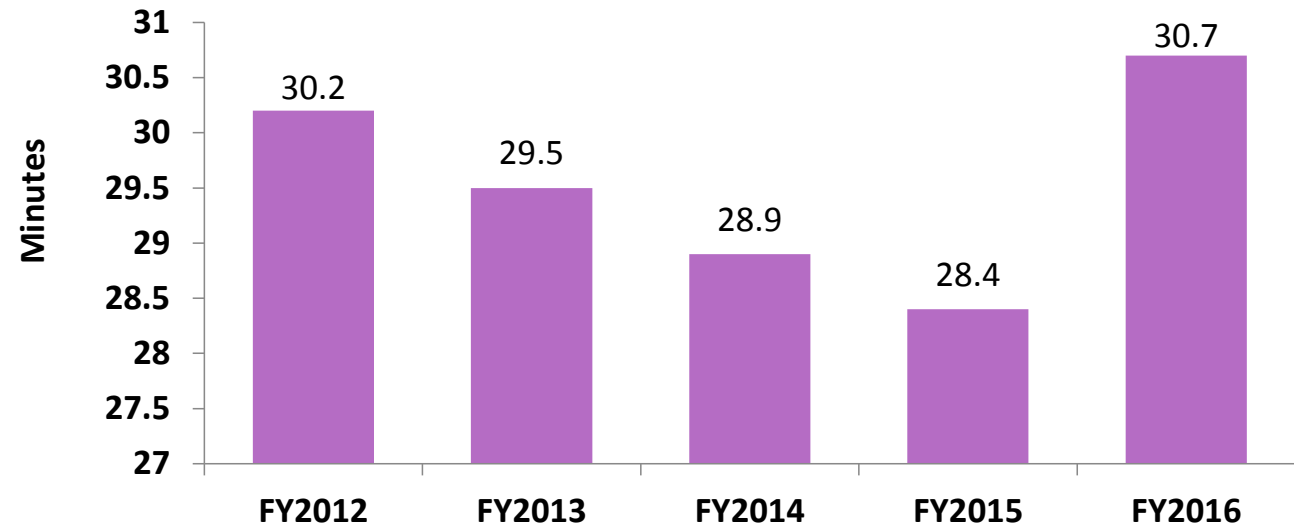
This performance measure is important because customers of MDOT Port facilities expect reasonable turn times to obtain needed services. The reliability of the transportation experience is assessed through average truck transaction turn around times at facilities to ensure that customers have an efficient transportation experience. This measure will allow MDOT to monitor the service provider and improve turn around times at container facility. The data will be reported and reviewed annually.

MPA is reporting on container transaction turn around time handled by truck at Seagirt Marine Terminal by fiscal year. The gate turn around time is determined by the accumulated time that each truck remains on the terminal to complete its transaction (gate-in and gate-out). The primary objective of the Port is to maintain industry leading turn around times of 45 minutes or less. Turn times have increased slightly in FY2016 from 28.4 minutes to 30.7 minutes per transaction. This turn around time remains well below industry standards. The increase is directly attributed to elevated container volumes being handled at the terminal due to the Panama Canal expansion allowing for larger vessels to call at the facility.

Continual improvement of the trucker experience is important to MPA as well as the terminal operator. MPA and terminal operator are committed to improving the truck turn around times through streamlined gate processes, terminal infrastructure investments, extended gate operating hours, deployment of new technologies and investments in new container handling equipment. In addition, maintaining active lines of communication with the Maryland Motor Truck Association, Longshoreman’s Association, Customs and Border Protection and United States Coast Guard all are very effective ways to eliminate unnecessary and unwarranted delays in the processing of trucks.

**PERFORMANCE MEASURE 5.1B**  
Reliability of the Transportation Experience: Average Truck Turn Around  
Time per Container Transaction

Chart 5.1B.1: Average Annual Truck Turn Around Time per Unit (Box) at Seagirt Marine Terminal FY2012-FY2016



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**PURPOSE OF MEASURE:**  
To assess average wait time at MVA facilities.

**FREQUENCY:**  
Quarterly

**DATA COLLECTION METHODOLOGY:**  
Verification of average wait times at MVA facilities for services.

**NATIONAL BENCHMARK:**  
N/A

**PERFORMANCE MEASURE 5.1C**  
Reliability of the Transportation Experience:  
Average Wait Time (MVA)

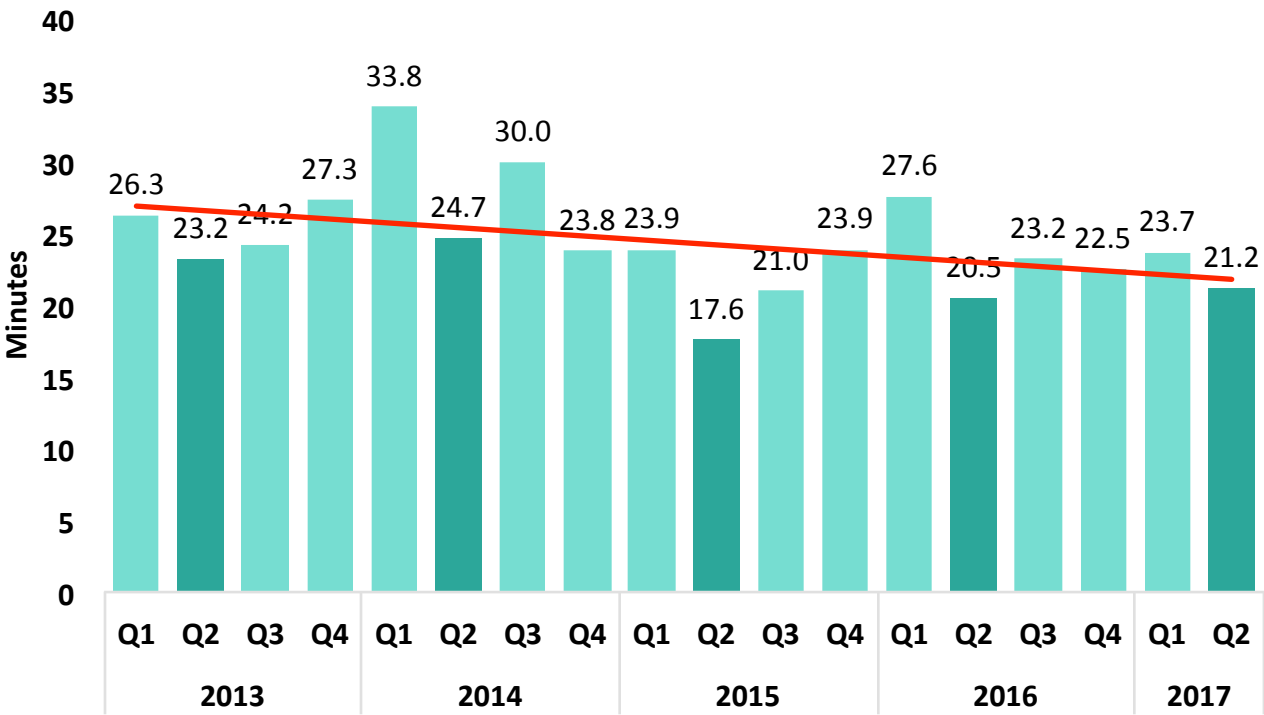
This performance measure is important as customers of MDOT expect reasonable wait times to obtain needed services and products. For performance measure 5.1C, the reliability of customer transportation experiences was assessed through monitoring of average wait times at MDOT MVA facilities. The data will be reported and reviewed quarterly.

Currently, MVA reports the average wait time for customers to obtain services and products at all branch offices. The statewide average wait time goal for FY2017 is 21.7 minutes. During the current Q2 reporting period, MVA recorded an average statewide wait time of 21.2 minutes which was below the stated goal.

Initiatives implemented include the central issuance process for all driver’s licenses (DL) and identification cards (ID), whereas customers now receive their DL/ID in the U.S. mail and not in a branch office at the time of service. In addition, the MVA began to electronically screen all customers at the Customer Information Counter to identify if they could conduct their services immediately at a kiosk or online as opposed to waiting in-line for a customer service representative. These new initiatives assisted in keeping wait times at a minimum during MVA’s busiest time period.

**PERFORMANCE MEASURE 5.1C**  
Reliability of the Transportation Experience: Average Wait Time (MVA)

Chart 5.1C.1: Average Wait Time (MVA) FY2013-FY2017



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**PURPOSE OF MEASURE:**  
To assess the percent of on-time performance of transportation service by mode to ensure a more reliable transportation experience for customer.

**FREQUENCY:**  
Quarterly

**DATA COLLECTION METHODOLOGY:**  
Varies by Mode:

- Bus Data is collected by the CAD/AVL System.
- Rail Mode data is collected by the modal control rooms.
- Paratransit data is transmitted by on-board MDT to the scheduling system or validated by a call from vehicle to a manager upon rider pick up.

**NATIONAL BENCHMARK:**  
Per APTA Standards Modal OTP Benchmarks are as follows:  
  
Bus – 78 percent  
  
Rail – 90 percent  
  
Para-Transit – 92 percent

**PERFORMANCE MEASURE 5.1D**  
Reliability of the Transportation Experience:  
On-Time Performance (MTA & MAA)

Reliability of transportation services is important to MDOT customers. Many rely on posted arrival and departure times to make needed connections and for critical appointments. This measure will allow the TBUs to focus resources where needed to improve on-time performance.

The public timetable has been referred to as “our contract with our riders.” On-Time Performance (OTP) is the measurement of adherence to that contract. Maintaining a high level of OTP is of critical importance when providing ground transportation.

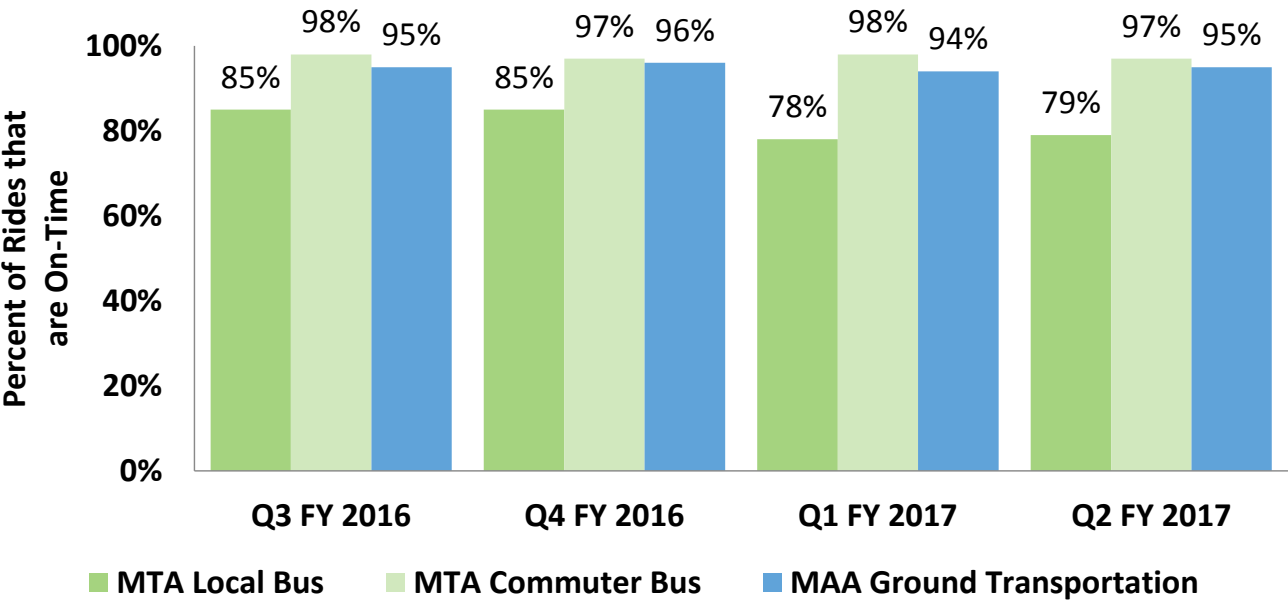
Whether a customer has a one-seat ride or needs to make a complex intermodal connection, the rider has an expectation that services will be provided reliably and as scheduled. MTA and MAA schedule adherence drives not only customer perception of the service provided directly, but the efficient use of taxpayer dollars, management processes, and the efficiency and reliability of State Government.

As an agency, MTA continues to meet or exceed American Public Transportation Association (APTA) benchmarks for OTP across Bus (78%), Rail (90%), and Paratransit (92%) modes. The commitment to continual improvement of OTP is evident in efforts to provide a transit network that allows passengers to travel more efficiently throughout the service area utilizing schedules that accurately reflect passenger travel times. This drives down service related complaints and results in a better passenger experience.

The implementation of the BaltimoreLink bus system will result in bus service that is easier for riders to use, while simultaneously being easier to manage and get “back on time” in the event that challenges related to delivering urban mass transit cause service disruptions. The results will be a more user-friendly, reliable system, as well as continued improvement in service delivery and the perception of mass transit services.

**PERFORMANCE MEASURE 5.1D**  
Reliability of the Transportation Experience: On-Time Performance  
(MTA & MAA)

Chart 5.1D.1: On-Time Performance of MTA Local Bus, MTA Commuter Bus, & MAA Ground Transport Q3 FY2016-Q2 FY2017



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### PERFORMANCE MEASURE 5.1D

#### Reliability of the Transportation Experience: On-Time Performance (MTA & MAA)

Chart 5.1D.2: On-Time Performance of MTA Light Rail, Metro Subway, & MARC Train Q3 FY2016-Q2 FY2017

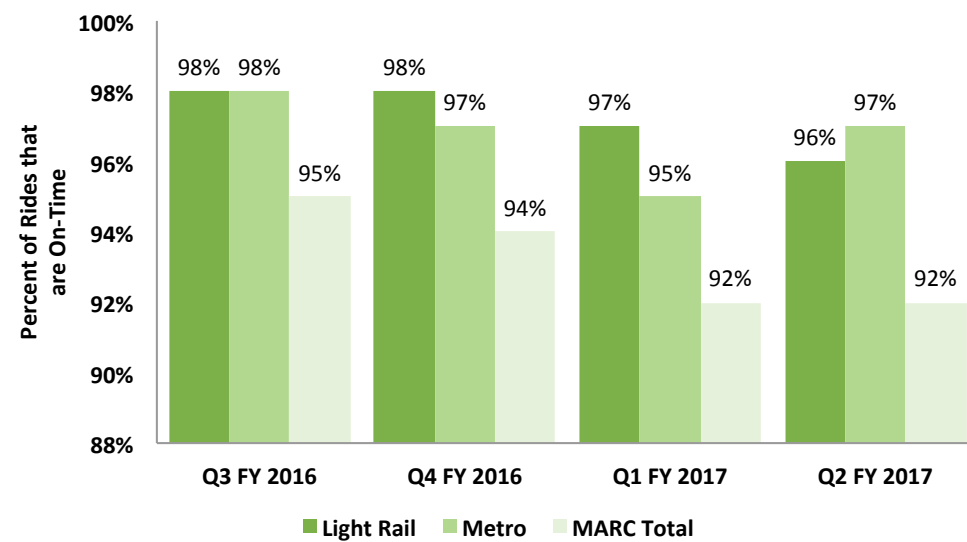
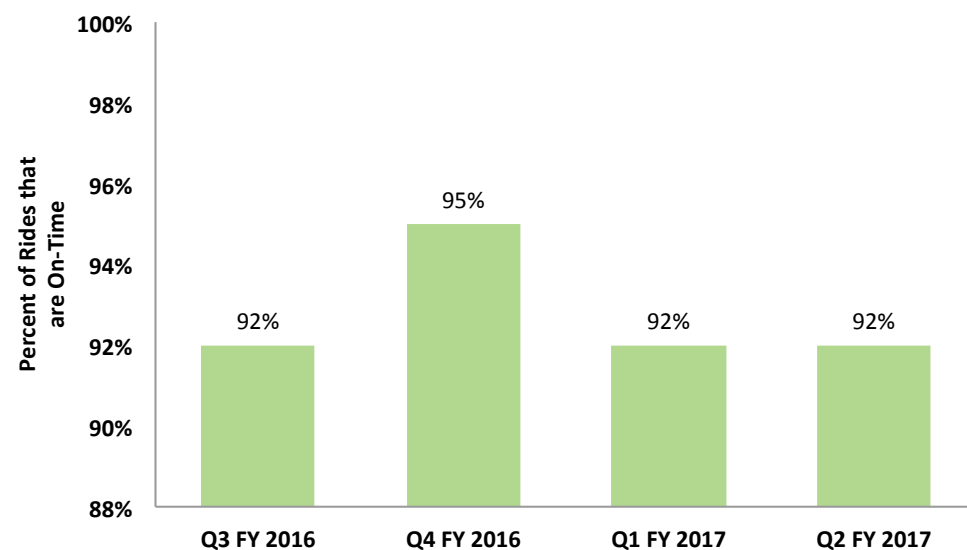


Chart 5.1D.3: On-Time Performance of MTA Paratransit Q3 FY2016-Q2 FY2017



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### PURPOSE OF MEASURE:

To provide customers with a gauge by which to assess travel time reliability on the State's highway system.

### FREQUENCY:

Annually (in January)

### DATA COLLECTION METHODOLOGY:

Formula based.

### NATIONAL BENCHMARK:

A Planning Time Index (PTI) which is  $\leq 1.5$ .

### PERFORMANCE MEASURE 5.1E

#### Reliability of the Transportation Experience: Planning Time Index for Highway Travel

Customers want reliable travel times when traveling on Maryland's highway system. The planning time index (PTI) is a metric that gauges how reliable travel times are on heavily used freeways and expressways during periods of peak congestion.

For example, if a trip during uncongested, free-flowing traffic conditions takes a traveler 15 minutes; a PTI of 2.0 would indicate that the same trip during a heavily congested period could be expected to take up to 30 minutes. MDOT uses the following PTI ranges to describe the varying degrees of travel time reliability:

PTI  $< 1.5$  = Reliable  
1.5  $>$  PTI  $< 2.5$  = Moderately Unreliable  
PTI  $> 2.5$  = Extremely Unreliable

In 2015, travel time on 8% (AM Peak) to 14% (PM Peak) of the freeways and expressways were assessed as "extremely unreliable" during congested periods on an average weekday. Almost all of the freeway and expressway segments that are "extremely unreliable" during congested periods are in the Baltimore-Washington region.

When compared to 2014, the 2015 travel reliability results were mixed. Continued economic recovery led to an increase of 1.6% in VMT above 2014, with a very slight decrease (two miles) in roadway miles that experienced "extremely unreliable" conditions during the AM Peak and an additional 21 miles of freeway/expressway that experienced "extremely unreliable" travel conditions during the PM Peak.

Changes to the PTI that result from completed highway projects are reflected in the PTI analysis over time. As an example, the I-95 Express Toll Lane project in Baltimore opened in December 2014. The 2015 PTI analysis found that the I-95 SB PTI in the AM peak was reduced from 2.60 to 1.44 and the I-95 NB PTI in the PM peak was reduced from 2.79 to 1.18. The I-95 Express Toll lane project area is now assessed as a "reliable" freeway segment.

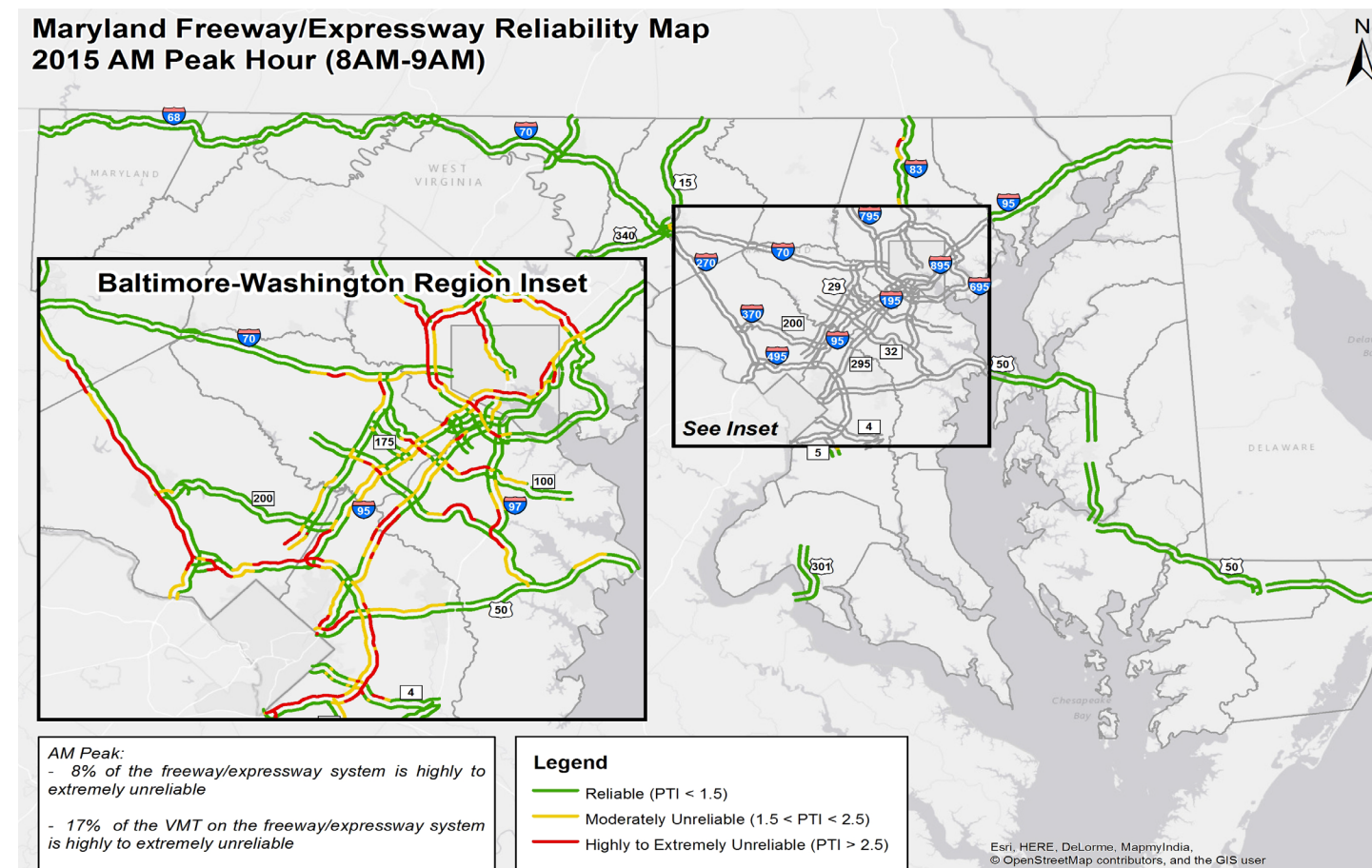
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## PERFORMANCE MEASURE 5.1E

### Planning Time Index for Highway Travel

When compared to 2014, the AM Peak reflects a 1% increase in VMT and a 1% decrease in the number of freeway and expressway miles with a PTI > 2.5.

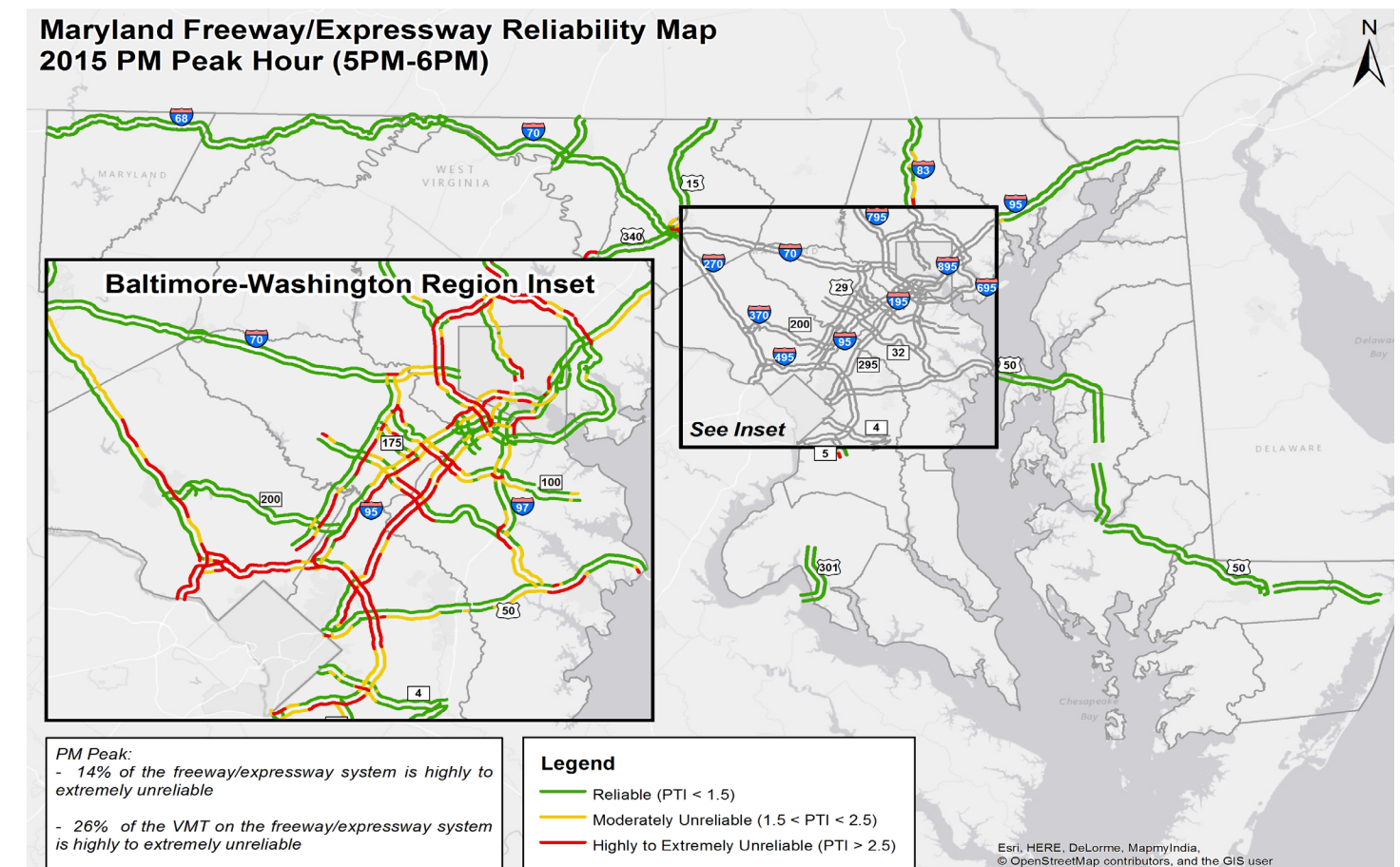


Source: 2016 Maryland State Highway Mobility Report

## PERFORMANCE MEASURE 5.1E

### Planning Time Index for Highway Travel

When compared to 2014, the PM Peak reflects a 3% increase in VMT and a 1% increase in the number of freeway and expressway miles with a PTI > 2.5.



Source: 2016 Maryland State Highway Mobility Report

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**PURPOSE OF MEASURE:**  
To understand the impact on efficiency of quickly restoring transportation services after incidents for customers.

**FREQUENCY:**  
Annually (in April)

**DATA COLLECTION METHODOLOGY:**  
The methodology involves an analysis of operational records collected in real-time, and results are contingent on the scale, number and types of incidents causing disruptions.

- NATIONAL BENCHMARK:**
- Arizona – 32 minutes
  - North Carolina – 69 minutes
  - Connecticut – 45 minutes
  - Iowa – 56 minutes
  - Michigan – 54 minutes
  - Minnesota – 35 minutes
  - Missouri – 24 minutes
  - New Jersey – 43 minutes
  - Virginia – 32 minutes

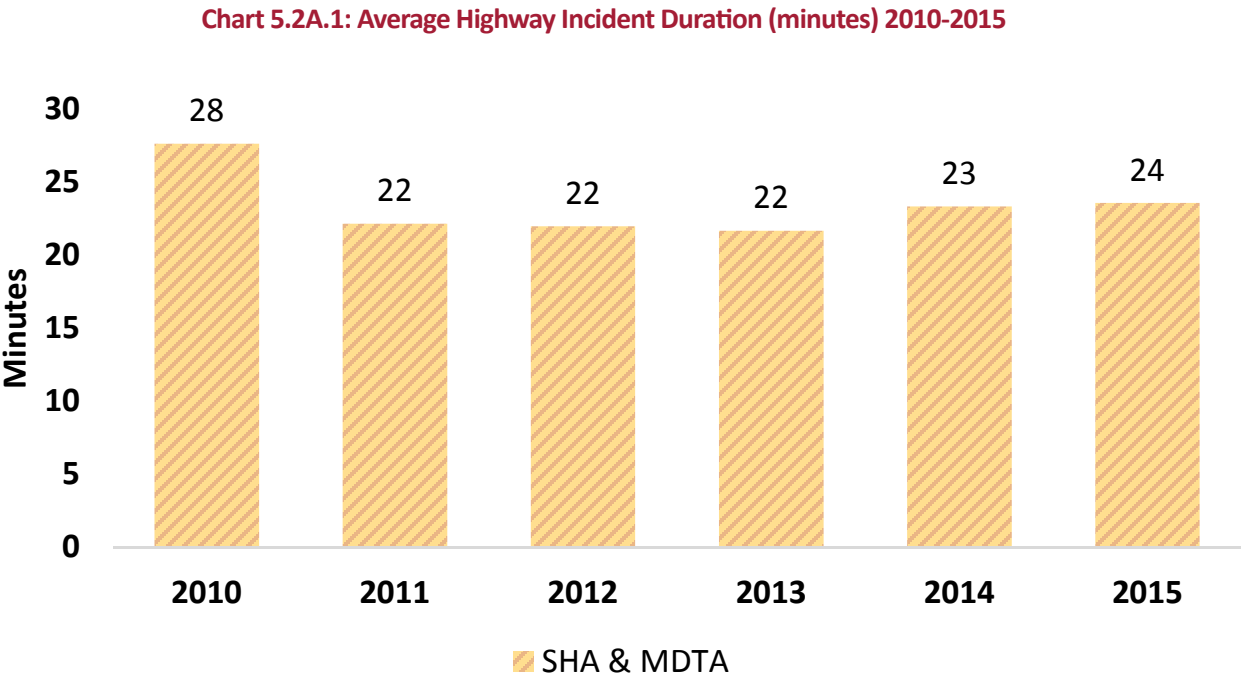
**PERFORMANCE MEASURE 5.2A**  
Restoring Transportation Services: Average Time to Restore Normal Operations After Disruptions

MDOT’s customers expect a safe, well-maintained, efficient and reliable transportation system with minimal disruption to travel. Rapid response to effectively manage and clear incidents that disrupt highway travel is one strategy that is essential in meeting these expectations. Efforts to improve coordination and cooperation among TBUs and emergency responders facilitate the reduction in response times and the overall average incident duration, restoring travel more quickly for customers. The “average incident duration” is a measure of the time it takes a response unit to arrive, plus the elapsed time between the arrival of the first unit and the time stamp in the CHART advanced traffic management system denoting the restoration of normal operating conditions.

As shown in chart 5.2A.1, the average incident duration between calendar years 2010 and 2015 has been consistently less than 30 minutes. The slight increase in average incident duration in calendar years 2014 (23.32 min.) and 2015 (23.54 min.) is likely due to the addition of overnight and weekend patrol hours. During the night and weekends, incident clearance takes slightly longer, since emergency responding agencies operate at reduced staffing levels, or depend on “on-call” staff. However, performance measures show that night and weekend patrols have a significant positive impact on reducing overall travel delays.

The primary strategies for improving transportation incident management focus on assuring that emergency responders have well established coordination procedures, effective communications, thorough training and the resources available to address any type of incident. MDOT is leading three initiatives to improve coordination with the MSP including; formalizing working relationships with the Heavy Tow Industry through MSP managed agreements which may include performance incentives for prompt vehicle recovery; organizational modifications to better support inter-agency coordination between MSP and MDOT; and enhancing data collection on reported crashes, including the identification of preventable secondary incidents. MDOT is also supporting the deployment of the Maryland First radio system statewide to improve inter-agency emergency communication. And, MDOT is leading efforts to provide standardized incident management training, to raise the level of emergency preparedness and safety of emergency responders who manage incidents on the transportation system.

**PERFORMANCE MEASURE 5.2A**  
Restoring Transportation Services: Average Time to Restore Normal Operations After Disruptions



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**PURPOSE OF MEASURE:**  
To understand the impact on efficiency of quickly restoring transportation services after weather events.

**FREQUENCY:**  
Annually (in April)

**DATA COLLECTION METHODOLOGY:**  
The methodology involves an analysis of operational records collected in real-time, and results are contingent on the scale, number and types of weather events.

**NATIONAL BENCHMARK:**  
  
Minnesota – 3 hours  
  
Washington, DC – 18 hours  
  
Missouri – 3.8 hours

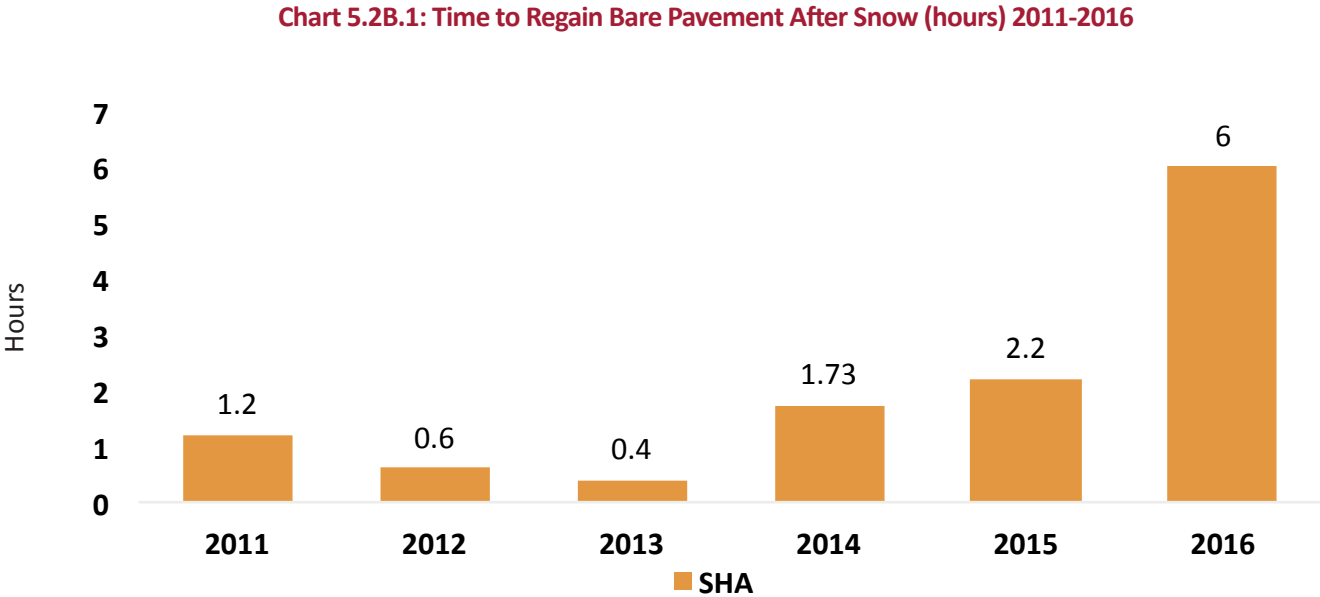
**PERFORMANCE MEASURE 5.2B**  
Restoring Transportation Services: Average Time to Restore Normal Operations After a Weather Event

MDOT’s customers expect a safe, well-maintained, efficient and reliable transportation system with minimal disruption to travel. Disruptions in travel due to inclement weather (snow, ice, etc.) require specialized operations experience and rapid response to restore normal operating conditions. To understand performance during winter storms, MDOT collects data on the “average time to restore normal operations after weather events.” This measure is calculated by identifying the lapse in time from the ending of frozen precipitation in a maintenance shop’s area of responsibility and achieving bare (wet or dry) pavement conditions.

As shown in chart 5.2B.1, the average time to restore normal operations after weather events for the years 2011 through 2015 was consistently less than the benchmark value (3.8 hours –Missouri). The Average Time to Restore Normal Operations after a Weather Event increased to 6 hours in Fiscal Year 2016, mostly due to the impacts of Winter Storm Jonas which involved more than 24 inches of snow accumulation, over the period of January 22-24, 2016.

Recognizing that a large winter event such as Jonas presented unique challenges, MDOT initiated a major after-action initiative, which identified 30 tasks for improving Maryland’s Winter Storm preparedness. Some of the major tasks included compiling and maintaining winter storm emergency contact lists; updating emergency procurement procedures for obtaining necessary resources (e.g. food, lodging and supplies) during major weather events; developing the capability of displaying automated emergency weather warning on programmable highway message signs; identifying resources for transporting personnel during heavy snow conditions; and documenting and distributing lists of “pre-identified” snow disposal areas. All tasks were accomplished between February and October 2016. Another major strategy was to incorporate contracts for private, heavy-tow services under the emergency snow removal procurement regulations. These services are used to recover and relocate trucks stranded in the snow from traveled lanes, to maintain a clear roadway and facilitate overall snow removal efforts.

**PERFORMANCE MEASURE 5.2B**  
Restoring Transportation Services: Average Time to Restore Normal Operations After a Weather Event



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**PURPOSE OF MEASURE:**  
To measure percentage of services through alternate methods other than in-person visit as an indicator of easy and reliable access to MDOT services and products.

**FREQUENCY:**  
Semi-Annually (in April and October)

**DATA COLLECTION METHODOLOGY:**  
Formula accounts for total customer transportation services and products compared to those acquired by alternate methods.

**NATIONAL BENCHMARK:**  
FY2018 - 68%

**PERFORMANCE MEASURE 5.3**  
Percent of Transportation Services and Products Provided Through Alternative Service Delivery (ASD) Methods

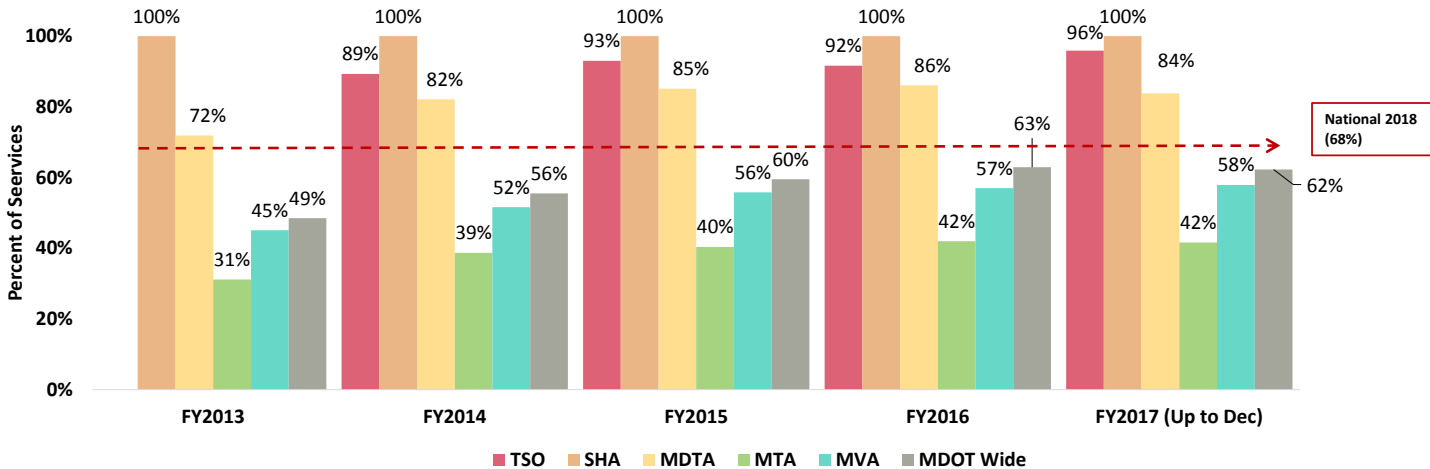
MDOT customers want easy and reliable access to acquire transportation services and products. According to a 2015 Pew Research Center study, 42 percent of Americans use the internet to get government services and/or information and 22 percent use the internet to make or receive payments. In general, it is anticipated that 68 percent of MDOT customers will use alternate methods to access services and goods.

Presently, SHA, MDTA, MTA, TSO and MVA provide transportation related services and products to customers through alternative service delivery (ASD) methods such as web, kiosk, call center/interactive voice response (IVR) and mail-in. MAA and MPA have mid-term projects in the planning stages to offer pre-pay parking options to airport and cruise terminal customers.

For the first two quarters of FY2017, SHA accomplished 100 percent; MDTA achieved 84 percent; MTA realized 42 percent, TSO achieved 96 percent and MVA achieved 58 percent of total eligible services and products via alternate methods. Combined, these TBUs achieved an ASD rate of 62 percent which is nearing the FY 2018 national standard of 68 percent.

**PERFORMANCE MEASURE 5.3**  
Percent of Transportation Services and Products Provided Through Alternative Service Delivery (ASD) Methods

Chart 5.3.1: Percent of Alternative Service Delivery by TBU FY2013-FY2017



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**PURPOSE OF MEASURE:**  
To assess the functionality and value of real-time signage and information systems offered.

**FREQUENCY:**  
Quarterly for functionality.  
Annually for customer satisfaction (in July).

**DATA COLLECTION METHODOLOGY:**  
Sampling of real-time signage or IVR systems to determine a percentage of functionality.

Survey users to assess their opinion of usefulness and satisfaction with Real-Time Information Systems.

**NATIONAL BENCHMARK:**  
85%-90% Functionality<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> According to Clever Devices, industry experts on real-time information technologies

**PERFORMANCE MEASURE 5.4A AND 5.4B**  
Percent of Functional Real-Time Information Systems Provided; Reliance and Customer Satisfaction with the Accuracy of Real-Time Signage Provided

MDOT customers of MTA, MVA, MAA, SHA, and MDTA benefit from “real-time” information systems installed throughout the transportation network offering users the most accurate “real-time” information available to help them prepare for, and manage their time while using, statewide transportation services to pursue life’s opportunities.

Combined, all MDOT TBUs exceed industry expert’s expectations of 90% functionality, averaging 99% functionality for Q2 of Fiscal Year 2017.

Currently, all TBUs have processes in place to ensure that any system failures are immediately addressed to ensure near 100% functionality at any given time. Systems will continually be monitored to ensure continued stellar “up-time” performance.

**PERFORMANCE MEASURE 5.4A AND 5.4B**  
Percent of Functional Real-Time Information Systems Provided; Reliance and Customer Satisfaction with the Accuracy of Real-Time Signage Provided

